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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS FY 78: MAURITANIA

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1. PER REF A, WE HAVE THUS FAR OBLIGATED 56,440 DOLS.TCPROJECTS AWAIT
ING SIGNATURE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TOTAL ANOTHER
8,233 DOLS AND TW PROJECTS RECENTLY SENT AMOUNT TO 4,670 DOLS,
OR A TOTAL OF 69,343 DOLS, NEARLY ALL OF OUR FY 1978 ALLOTMENT.
WE UNDERSTAND NEED TO OBLIGATE ALLOTMENT FULLY, AND ARE
PRESSING FOR SIGNATURE OF ALL ACCORDS BY END OF MONTH. OTHER
PROJECTS MENTIONED REF B ARE READY TO SEND, BUT WILL BE HELD
UNTIL ACTION IS TAKEN ON THOSE AWAITING SIGNATURE, AND FALL-NWT
FUNDINGHIPPROVED.

2. WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT EFFECT THE CHANGE OF GOVERN-
MENT WILL HAVE ON THE SPECIAL SELF-HELP PROGRAM. FOR WHAT
IT MAY BE WORTH, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN PERSONNEL THAT
DEAL WITH PROGRAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO RPT NO AGREEMENTS
HAVE BEEN SIGNED SINCE THE JULY 10 COUP. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR
CALLED UPON THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER LATE JULY, THE LATTER
INDICATED THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER MEETING SOON
TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS INCLUDING SELF-HELP. WE WILL
ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF THER ARE ANY INDICATIONS THAT ANY
OF THE PROPOSALS SENT FORWARD WILL NOT BE SIGNED FOR ANY
REASON.

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3. A RECENT LOW LEVEL INQUIRY FROM THE MINISTRY OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT DESPITE OUR
INSISTENCE TO THE CONTRARY, CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF GIRM CON-
TINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SPECIAL SELF-HELP PROJECTS SHOULD BE
LIMITED TO THOSE RELATED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. UNFORTUNATELY
NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE GIRM IS ABLE TO LOCATE A COPY

OF THE ORIGINAL SELF-HELP AGREEMENT SIGNED MARCH 23, 1971.
WE HAVE, HOWEVER, FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THE ORIGINAL WAS SENT
TO THE DEPARTMENT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE
A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT TO PERMIT US TO CLARIFY
DIFFERENCES SUCH AS THE ONE CITED ABOVE. PLEASE SEND IT
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN ANY EVENT PRIOR TO THE END OF
THIS FISCAL YEAR. KRYZA

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